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SUBJECT: GIEREK'S NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

1. PZPR FIRST SECRETARY EDWARD GIEREK'S TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE TO THE POLISH PEOPLE WAS BROADCAST ON NATION-WIDE RADIO AND TELEVISION DECEMBER 31. THE FULL TEXT WAS PUBLISHED IN TRYBUNA LUDU ON JANUARY 3. ALTHOUGH 20 MINUTES OF PROGRAM TIME HAD BEEN BLOCKED OUT FOR THE MESSAGE, GIEREK SPOKE FOR LESS THAN TEN MINUTES, APPEALING FOR NATIONAL UNITY AND COOPERATION IN A STRAIGHTFORWARD, SOBER, AND CONCILIATORY MESSAGE.

2. RECALLING POLAND'S RISE FROM THE ASHES OF WAR, THE FIRST SECRETARY CALLED FOR NATIONAL UNITY: "THE YEAR WHICH IS ENDING WAS NOT AN EASY ONE. I SPEAK CANDIDLY, FOR CANDOR CAN BE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ONLY BASIS FOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN POLES." HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING, "LET US, THEN, COMBINE OUR THOUGHTS AND OUR ENERGY. WE HAVE A GOOD, TESTED PROGRAM. OUR UNITY AND PERSEVERANCE IN ITS REALIZATION ARE THE BEST GUARANTEE THAT IN THE COMING YEAR OUR COMMON WORK WILL BRING GOOD RESULTS FOR POLAND AND FOR POLES."

3. THE IDEOLOGICAL TONE OF GIEREK'S MESSAGE WAS VERY LOW-KEY. THE PZPR WAS MENTIONED THREE TIMES, TWICE AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE OCTOBER 1976 BUILDUP FOR GIEREK'S NOVEMBER TRIP TO MOSCOW, THE USSR AND POLAND'S IDEOLOGICAL BONDS WITH IT WERE BARELY MENTIONED. THE SOVIET UNION WAS CITED ONLY TWICE; ONCE AS PART OF A GENERAL STATEMENT ABOUT DETENTE, AND WHEN GIEREK SENT NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS TO THE SOVIET PEOPLE. GIEREK REFERRED TO THE NEW KATOWICE STEELWORKERS WITH NO MENTION OF THE USSR, AN OMISSION WE HAVE NOT OBSERVED HERE SINCE NOVEMBER.
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